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REMARKS

The amendments to claims 1, 2, and 18 are made to more clearly define the invention.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and remarks, claims 1, 2 and 18, as amended, and newly added claims 24 to 37 are believed to be in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

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Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1, as follows:

1. (Amended) A semiconductor device comprising:
 - a semiconductor substrate;
 - a first insulating film formed over said semiconductor substrate;
 - a capacitor formed over said first insulating film, and having one electrode which includes an extension extending over said first insulating film;
 - a second insulating film formed over said first insulating film;
 - a first contact hole formed through said second insulating film and said extension of the one electrode; and
 - a first conductor pattern burying said first contact hole.

Please amend Claim 2, as follows:

2. (Amended) A semiconductor device comprising:
 - a semiconductor substrate;
 - a first insulating film formed over said semiconductor substrate;
 - a first conducting plug formed in said first insulating film;
 - a storage electrode formed over said first insulating film, and electrically connected to said conducting plug;

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a capacitor dielectric film formed over said storage electrode;
an opposing electrode formed over said capacitor dielectric film, and having an extension extending over said first insulating film;
a second insulating film formed over said opposing electrode;
a first contact hole formed through said second insulating film and said extension of the opposing electrode; and
a first conductor pattern burying said contact hole.

Please amend Claim 18, as follows:

18. (Amended) The semiconductor memory device according to claim 17, wherein said bit line includes a conducting bit layer, oxide side walls on side walls of the conducting bit layer, and a bit silicon nitride layer covering the conducting bit layer and the oxide side walls of the bit line [bit silicon nitride layer].